



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

September 17, 2013

**Contact:** Lisa Richardson, 213-361-6980

**Email:** [lrichardson@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:lrichardson@bos.lacounty.gov)

**Contact:** Sharita Moon, 213-974-2222

**Email:** [smoon@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:smoon@bos.lacounty.gov)

### **Selection Process for Sheriff's Department Inspector General Moves Forward**

One of the most important recommendations of the Citizens' Commission on Jail Violence was for the Board of Supervisors to create an independent Inspector General's Office to provide comprehensive oversight and monitoring of the sheriff's department and its jails.

The recruitment process, which has been on-going for several months, has identified a number of potential candidates and now, acting on a motion by Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chairman Mark Ridley-Thomas, the board has voted to create a vetting committee to review their qualifications. At the end of the review it will issue a recommendation to the Supervisors for their consideration.

The Vetting Committee will have representation from the citizens' commission, the sheriff's department, and the civil rights community. Also, given his background, expertise and current role as the Implementation Monitor, Richard Drooyan will serve as the facilitator, but not as a voting member.

Appointed to the committee will be: the Hon. Lourdes Baird and the Hon. Robert Bonner, both of whom were members of the jail violence commission; Assistant Sheriff Terri McDonald; John W. Mack, former president of the Urban League, and Samuel Paz, noted civil rights attorney.

The committee will have 30 days to make its evaluations and then submit a list of the most qualified candidates to the supervisors.

**#####**